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Exemption No. 4988G
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Mr. C. Dennis Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright:

We are pleased to inform you that we have granted your petition to extend Exemption No. 4988, as amended. This letter explains the basis for our decision and describes its effect.

The Basis for our Decision

By your letter dated June 15, 2004, you petitioned the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Soaring Society of America (SSA) for an extension of Exemption No. 4988, as amended. That exemption from § 45.11 (a) and (d) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits SSA to forgo the requirement to secure an identification plate or display the model and serial number on the exterior of the aircraft at specified locations.

In your petition, you indicate that there are similar conditions and reasons relative to public interest and safety that were the basis for granting the exemption.

The FAA has determined that good cause exists for not publishing a summary of the petition in the Federal Register because the requested extension of the exemption would not set a precedent, and any delay in acting on this petition would be detrimental to SSA.

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